

House Bill 4 Implementation Survey

Additional State Funding for Enhanced Quality Prekindergarten Programs

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, additional state grant funding will be available to local education agencies (LEAs) that opt to provide high-quality prekindergarten instructional programs pursuant to Texas Education Code, Chapter 29, Subchapter E-1. To receive grant funding, an LEA must commit to using curriculum that is aligned to the state's prekindergarten guidelines, employing certified teachers who possess additional targeted early education qualifications, establishing a robust family engagement plan, and using effective methods to measure student growth.

Grant applications are expected to be posted in early 2016 with notification of grant awards in spring 2016. Grant funding will be made available in summer 2016 for use by districts in implementing high-quality prekindergarten programs in the 2016-2017 school year. Additional funding will be made available in early fall 2016 to support 2016-2017 implementation.

Your involvement in implementation is critical. Please note that this will not be the only opportunity you will have to assist in the implementation of this high-quality prekindergarten grant program. This voluntary survey marks the first in a series of steps to gauge existing LEA resources and solicit feedback on high-quality prekindergarten programs.

* 1. District or Charter Name

* 2. County District Number (CDN)

* 3. In which Education Service Center region is your LEA located?

* 4. Does your LEA's curriculum incorporate or align with the state's prekindergarten guidelines?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 5. LEAs that are awarded additional prekindergarten funding must employ teachers who meet specific qualifications. The state will provide training opportunities to support teachers who need to meet new qualification requirements. What is your LEA's preferred training format for prekindergarten teachers?

- ☐ Online
- ☐ Face-to-Face
- ☐ Train the trainer so that the LEA can use its own trainers to train teachers within the LEA
- ☐ Other

Other (please specify)

* 6. What is your preferred training time?

- ☐ Multi-day academy
- ☐ Single full-day session
- ☐ Multiple half-day or shorter sessions
- ☐ Multiple individual modules one to three hours in length

* 7. Please provide details on the professional development opportunities your LEA currently offers to prekindergarten teachers.

* 8. Does your LEA use the existing free eCIRCLE training offered through the Children Learning Institute's Engage platform?

- ☐ Yes (if yes, skip to #10)
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

9. If no or don't know, how likely is it that your LEA would use the existing free eCIRCLE training offered through the Children Learning Institute's Engage platform?

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Not likely

* 10. Does your LEA currently administer a diagnostic assessment or progress monitoring tool in your prekindergarten classrooms?

- ☐ Yes (if yes, answer #11 and #12)
- ☐ No (if no, skip to #13)

11. If yes, please provide details on what assessment or tool is used along with the benefits of that assessment or tool.

12. If yes, what knowledge and/or skills are measured? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Literacy
- ☐ Language development
- ☐ Numeracy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Social Studies
- ☐ Physical development
- ☐ Social/emotional development
- ☐ Other (please specify)

* 13. Does your LEA currently partner with the following? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Private program
- ☐ Head start
- ☐ Licensed child care
- ☐ Other (please specify)

* 14. What information do you need most quickly in order to plan the implementation of a high-quality prekindergarten program? Please rank the following in order of priority (with 1 being the highest priority).

Teacher qualifications

Changes to the
prekindergarten
guidelines

List of approved
diagnostic assessments

Other curriculum
requirements

Other

Other (please specify)

* 15. Will your LEA apply for this grant?

- ☐ Yes (A "yes" response does not commit an LEA to apply for the grant).
- ☐ No (A "no" response will not prohibit an LEA from applying for the grant when it is posted).

* 16. Please provide any additional comments, concerns, and/or suggestions on how the state can best implement this new high-quality prekindergarten grant program.